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# *Memorandum*

TO: SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 7/26/68

FROM: SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP), aka
Invaders
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On 7/19/68 Lt. E. W. ARKIN, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department, furnished to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE a copy of PD memo dated 7/18/68 captioned "Information on Militant Negro Organizations July 17, 1968." One Xerox copy of this is attached to each copy of this memo.

The reference to black Federal Agents looking for CABBAGE related to FRANK LA MONDUE and WILLIE DURHAM of U. S. Marshal's Office looking for CABBAGE as they had a bench warrant for his Selective Service arrest.

RECOMMENDATION: [redacted]

1-157-1067 - BOP
1-157-556 - Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas
1-157-1173 - [redacted]
1-157-1000 - [redacted]
1-157- [redacted]
1-157-953 - Black Power Infiltration, Memphis War on Poverty Committee (Neighborhood Organizing Project)
1-170-1024 - [redacted]
1-100-4528 - [redacted]
1-25-14636 - [redacted]
1-157-1126 - [redacted]
1-157- [redacted]
2-157-New - [redacted]
1-157-1029 - [redacted]
1-157-957 - [redacted]
1-157-1229 - [redacted]
1-157-1116 - [redacted]
1-157-1070 - [redacted]
1-157-1263 - [redacted]

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FALL opened the meeting at 9:00 PM, and introduced ERISON, SMITH , AND CARRACT. He asked them to orientate the [illegible] organizing a club. ERISON got up and made a speech where he stated the Negroes had to pay too much taxes, and they had to pay more taxes than the White people. He also went into wild talk about the Memphis hospitals; used the Negro patients to experiment on to try to cure white diseases. He said that the White doctors were giving the Negroes diseases that they ordinarily can't catch such as Cancer and Leukemia by injecting it into them. He further stated they were giving Negroes Cancer while they X-rayed them. He spent about 40 minutes on his talk, talking all such nonsense as this. Then CABBALL got up and made a talk where he talked about their government (inside organizations such as these). He discussed how a small club could grow by word of mouth and cause other clubs to form in the City. And then it could be formed nationwide by people coming in the city and hearing about it and wanting to form a club in their town. He then began talking about the Negro Revolution when it comes, and how these organizations would be able to benefit the Negro Revolution. SMITH then got up and made a speech in which he talked about facing dying. He advised them that you have to be serious about these organizations and he said that it would not be long before the Black man would be killing and being killed on the streets, and when we have the next riot, they won't stop at just looting like they did last time. He then talked to them about the White business establishment at Orange Mound, and that they were costing the Negroes money because if the White men did not own and clerk in the stores that the Negroes would be making the money. And even if they did not get the jobs, speaking of the ones at the meeting, some other Negroes would get them. SMITH also advised them that he could not tell them how to get rid of the White merchants in the community. Like the INVADERS got rid of the White man in South Memphis, He also complained to them that Negroes had to take a lower premium rate on insurance than the White man does. He said that a Negro only gets $3,000.00 worth of life insurance where the White man gets $5,000.00.

EDWINA HARRELL had brought some petitions from the BSA to the meeting which are petitions to be signed by the parents and students to get better books for the Negro schools. When these petitions are signed by the parents and students, they are supposed to be presented to Mr. Stimbert.

The Orange Mound group are supposed to hold another meeting at Mt. Pisgah Church next Wednesday but the time is not known.

After the meeting, JOHN B. SMITH, told BALLARD to call the FBI and the Police Dept. 7-18-68, and see if some Negroes from these organizations had come by his apartment. He said that if they had not, he needed to get a gun.

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